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WEATHER FORECAST
FAIR.

February 29th, 1912, Temperature a.m. 64, p.m. 64; Humidity...81, 82.

February 28th, 1911, Temperature a.m. 60, p.m. 61; Humidity...80, 80.

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[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 1, 7.35 a.m.

The position is more hopeful as it is expected that the minimum-wage will be obtained and that the miners will concede safeguards, regarding the minimum output.

An official statement says that the Northumberland coal owners have agreed to the principle of the minimum wage but cannot assent irrespective of ability and willingness of the workers.

ASQUITH'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Asquith, addressing the National Miners Conference, explained on the importance of the coal industry being carried on under proper conditions.

GOVERNMENT'S DUTY.

Mr. Asquith said that the Government having recognised the principle of a minimum wage, if it was not secured by agreement it would be secured by the Government by other means.

He emphatically declared that it was the Government's duty to do what it could to effect a reasonable settlement.

AN APPEAL.

Mr. Asquith appealed to the miners, on behalf of the Government and the community, to allow a reasonable latitude for discussion with regard to particular rates.

GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY.

A terrible responsibility, he pointed out, we'd rest upon the shoulders of those who hindered the achievement of a result so nearly within reach of attainment.—Reuter.

800,000 OUT.

Bombay, March 1, 7.40 a.m.

Everything is quiet in the strike districts.

Eight hundred thousand strikers are out.

The seriousness of the position is already disagreeably felt. A number of works have been closed at Shiffield and elsewhere.

The railways are arranging a reduction of their services and everywhere employers are giving their employees warning notices. It is estimated that already over quarter of a million workers are under notice.

Negotiations will be continued to-morrow.

FRESH PROPOSALS.

It is understood that Mr. Asquith has submitted fresh proposals to the coal owners and that the negotiations are taking a fresh turn.

The railways are swearing in employees as special constables. The South Wales railway men have resolved not to handle troop trains or "blacklegged" con-

The Cabinet met for over two hours. Then the Government met the miners for an hour. Several owners have already left London and the majority leave to-night.—Reuter.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 12.30 p.m.

A special cabinet meeting is being held regarding the coal crisis.

LEGISLATION NECESSARY.

London, Feb. 29, 4.40 a.m.

The Government is of opinion that legislation will be necessary to make the decision of its representatives at the suggested district conferences compulsory.—Reuter.

WHAT FORM?

London, Feb. 29, 3.15 p.m.

In view of the breakdown of the peace negotiations, the action of the Government is now eagerly anticipated. A surprisingly large percentage of the coal-owners have accepted the principle of the minimum wage, and this is expected to strengthen the hands of the Government, but it is not expected there will be any legislation so drastic as has been suggested. More probably it will be based on the proposals of last night.—Reuter.

FOR AND AGAINST.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

Sixty per cent. of the coal-owners have accepted the Government's proposals, and they include those in Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Midlands, North Wales, Durham and Cumberland. The dissentients are those in Northumberland, South Wales, Scotland, the Forest of Dean, Somerset and Bristol.—Reuter.

London, Feb. 29, 4.45 a.m.

A section of the coal-owners, at the instance of the Earl of Durham, have accepted the Government's proposals on national grounds in view of the disaster of a strike, but the Welshmen are adamant. Mr. Thomas, interviewed last night, said: "We will resist the Government's proposal to the end. We would rather submit to compulsion than accept it voluntarily."

HOLIDAY SPIRIT.

The miners are determined to remain solid, and they are confident of obtaining not merely the principle but a specific minimum wage. Last night 115,000 of them struck and generally a holiday spirit prevails, there being an absence of the ill-feeling which has characterised previous combats.

The leaders in Derbyshire have issued a manifesto deprecating the outbreak at Chesterfield on the 28th.—Reuter.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Mar. 1, 12.15 p.m.

Two thousand of Yuan Shih-kai's soldiers rioted in Peking last night. They fired several houses and looted some shops.

CONFIRMATION.

London, Feb. 29, 5.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that some hundreds of Yuan Shih-kai's soldiers have rioted. They have ignited and wrecked several houses.

RESTORING ORDER.

Indiscriminate shooting is proceeding. Thousands of soldiers are trying to restore order. Considerable alarm prevails.—Reuter.

A LARGE LOAN.

London, Feb. 29, 2.15 p.m.

Reuter's Peking correspondent states that British, American, French and German bankers are to advance five million taels to the Republican authorities to pay the troops. A large loan will be contracted immediately a coalition cabinet is formed.

THE LENDERS.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

Reuter's Tōkio correspondent says it is understood Russia and Japan will participate in the loan to China.

AMERICAN CONGRATULATIONS.

London, Feb. 29, 2.15 p.m.

The Washington correspondent of Reuter states that the Foreign Committee of the House has reported favourably on a resolution congratulating the Chinese people on the assumption of the powers, duties and responsibilities of self-government. If the resolution passes, it will be tantamount to recognition of the Republic.

YUAN'S POLICY.

Shanghai, Feb. 29.

President Yuan Shih-kai has formulated his policy. Foreign loans will be obtained to relieve the existing financial strain, evil-doers will be suppressed, like will be abolished and other taxation increased.

SHANTUNG GOVERNOR.

Chang Kwong-kin, Governor of Shantung, has not been in harmony with the republican troops and the result has been that an attempt, which, however, proved unsuccessful, has been made to assassinate him. Bombs were employed.

A LOAN.

Chen Kam-tao, Commissioner of Finance, has obtained a loan of \$1,500,000 from the Russo-Asiatic Bank; the receipts of a certain tax from the whole country being the security.

WOMANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

Miss Chang Kwan-ying, the representative of the women of Kiangsu, has asked the Cabinet at Nanking for the extension of the franchise to women, but the request has been refused.

APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM.

Tong Shiu-chuon, Ma Lai-hing and Shum Yun have left for the Straits by the Tung Maru to advise the Chinese merchants there to subscribe to the National loan.

DISSENSION.

Many of the members of the Assembly at Nanking are displeased with the foreign loan policy of the new government and have announced their intention to resign.—"Shat Po."

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, March 1, 8.50 a.m.

In the House of Commons in reply to Mr. McCullum Scott, Mr. L. Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that the interests of good administration required adherence to the regulation confining civil and police appointments in the Straits Settlements to pure Europeans.

SATURDAY.

London, Feb. 29, 5.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Monte Carlo states that Captain Harcourt has knocked out Jim Sullivan in the second round in the fight for the middleweight championship of the world.—Reuter.

TEST CRICKET.

London, Feb. 29, 12.30 p.m.

The death is announced of Major-Gen. Sir Midway Wilson, K.O.B.

RAIN STOPS PLAY.

London, Feb. 29, 5.55 a.m.

Owing to rain, play in the last Test match between England and Australia has been suspended. The position now stands:—England, 324 and 214. Australia, 176 and 193 for three wickets.—Reuter.

STORER DEAD.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

The death is reported of Storer, the famous cricketer, who for many years kept wicket so brilliantly for Derbyshire. Storer had the distinction of playing against the Australians.—Reuter.

STEEL TRUST.

London, Feb. 29, 4.55 a.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent cables that the accountant who examined the books of the Steel Trust mentions that the Pierpont Morgan Company made a profit of £13,800,000 by financing the Trust.

HOME RULE.

London, Feb. 29, 4.55 a.m.

The House of Commons has, by 226 votes to 128, adopted a private motion urging the grant of Home Rule to Scotland following on Irish Home Rule.—Reuter.

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OBITUARY.

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CORONER TROUTBECK.

The death has taken place of Mr. John Troutbeck, coroner and deputy high bailiff of Westminster.—Reuter.

BEHIND THE TIMES.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

We are, we sometimes fear, getting just a trifle old-fashioned; dropping behind the times, as it were. For at odd moments, when we have nothing in particular to do, instead of doing it with that feverish activity which is the hallmark of the really live, useful, up-to-date business man, we find ourselves sinking into a peaceful reverie of the less strenuous days of our own early youth. We are speaking, you must understand, of the pre-historic period before tubes, taxis motor-buses, cinematograph slaps, and militant suffragettes had been thought of; before the Radical party had discovered the genius of Lloyd George, and when the British Constitution was still intact. Those days are gone, and, priding ourselves, as we do, upon being a man of action, we would not recall them if we could.

No doubt, compared with the present age, it was but an oyster-like existence that we led. And, of course, our ideas of progress were lamentably crude. For instance, at the top of the Strand there used to be a sort of odd, narrow little streets that some of us used actually to think picturesque. So they were, in a fashion. But for sheer wild grandeur, not to be mentioned in the same breath with the magnificent wild bit of moorland into which a beneficent County Council has transformed them. And then again—but we must not go on dreaming. It is time to wake up and get busy again, doing nothing.—"The Globe."

SCOTLAND'S TURN.

London, Feb. 29, 4.55 a.m.

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[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 2.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Rome wires that Russia has made fresh proposals for mediation between Italy and Turkey. She proposes to ask Italy on what terms she will conclude peace on the basis of Italian sovereignty in Tripoli.

THE NAVY.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

The Washington correspondent of Reuter states that there is little faith in the efficacy

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The Opening Ceremony of the University Buildings on March 11th, 1912, will be followed by a SIX DAYS' BAZAAR (March 11th to 16th inclusive) in the Buildings and Grounds, in aid of the funds of the University.

A great variety of European, Chinese and Japanese Articles and Curios for Sale; exhibition of some of the finest collections of porcelain in China; Grand Military and Naval Entertainments and evening Conversations; Chinese Theatre, etc., etc., etc.

Further details will be published in due course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1912.

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Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1912. [188]

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Hongkong, 25th Feb., 1912. [205]

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WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

American Politics.

Ho (Mr. W. J. Bryan) is a man of rare tenacity of purpose and has a tendency to force his way into the councils of the Party whether they like it or not. Notwithstanding his many defeats, he still exercises a wonderful amount of influence all over the United States and his lectures draw crowded audiences. The movements of such a man must therefore be carefully watched by the politicians, for he declines to be "eliminated," and thus creates a highly disturbing factor in the situation. The fear is that Dr. Woodrow Wilson will not be able to run counter to Mr. Bryan when the real issue is joined and that this will cause the fruits of victory to again fall to the Republicans, whether they nominate Taft or Roosevelt. But when sizing up all the various chances for the banner-bearers of either of the big parties, it is well to bear in mind the possibility which the "Times" points out as always being imminent in American politics, the possibility that we may witness on one or both sides what is called a "stampede"—the sudden nomination of a man whom no one really wants, because no section is strong enough to carry the man of its choice.

Daily Press.

A Reasonable Proposition.

The latest telegrams regarding the coal crisis in Great Britain show the miners to be determined to adhere to their demand for a minimum wage at a rate adopted by the Miners' Federation on February 2. They are not prepared to consider the varying circumstances in different districts, but insist on a uniform rate for the entire country. It appears that the Government is satisfied that there are cases where miners cannot earn a reasonable wage, from causes they cannot control, and the result of the conferences with the Government of which the telegrams have informed us is a proposal by the Government that distinct district conferences should be held between the owners and miners to decide upon a minimum wage, a representative of the Government being present to assist in deciding outstanding points in the event of the failure of any such conference.

South China Morning Post.

The Coal Crisis.

To-day there commences the great coal strike in Britain, unless some means of reconciling the masters and men were discovered at the last moment. Whether their efforts have met with success or failure, generous praise must be extended to the Government for their efforts to prevent the threatened conflict, and at any rate they have done a great deal in the way of influencing concessions and lessening the margin of difference between the contending forces. Their latest proposal is a splendid attempt to save the country from the disaster of another big industrial struggle, and it is distinguished by its fairness to both sides and its convincing appeal to common sense. In the first instance, they are all for the minimum wage.

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It is necessary only to say, once again, that pictures taken in Hongkong or out of it, pictures taken recently or months ago—any kind of pictures may be sent. To the two best pictures prizes will be awarded.

From this competition professional photographers will be rigidly excluded, and no member of the "Telegraph" staff shall be allowed to compete. A professional photographer for the purposes of the competition, shall be adjudged as one who makes his living, wholly or in part, from photography.

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Each competitor may send as many photographs as he or she pleases, provided that every photograph is accompanied by a coupon. The coupon will be found below and will appear daily. A coupon from any issue, between now and March 31, must accompany each print.

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The editor shall be the sole judge and his decision must be accepted as final. Photographs can be accepted only on this understanding.

Photographs must be submitted only on the express understanding that the editor may, at his discretion, use any or all of the photographs, either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or in the "Weekly Telegraph," in such manner as seems best to him, but that they shall not be put by him to any purpose outside of these journals.

Competitors shall not submit copies of competitive photographs to any other newspaper until the expiry of one month from the date of announcing the editor's decision.

Prints entered in this competition can not be returned.

The names and addresses of prize-winners will be announced early in April.

The editor will be pleased to answer, in these columns, any questions put by intending competitors on points which may require amplification.

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WOMEN'S WORLD.

Items of interest to women, notices of forthcoming and news on recent social events, and kindred paragraphs will be cordially welcomed. The co-operation of our lady readers is asked in order to make this feature at once especially interesting and useful.

WOOL EMBROIDERIES.

The large black hat in straw is to be one of the favourite shapes in the coming spring. Made with wide brim turned back to show the coiffure, this hat, for wear with the spring, tailor-made, is most varied of shape, and the trimming is of the feather order, such as cigarette, paradise, or ostrich plumes.

Few women can resist the fascination of the ostrich feather. At least one hat in the millinery outfit for the season always has its shaded ostrich plume resting brazenly on the picturesque brim which frames the face and is turned back in some way at back or sides. The ostrich feather is never out of favour. It comes forth each season in some new guise, with drooping lace trends drooping gracefully like a cascade in narrow straight widths with no curl at all or in the natural state, and sometimes the touch of individuality is given by choice colouring.

Some of the most costly of the ostrich feathers are over a yard long and about ten inches wide, many feathers being used in one to get the length and necessary thickness. The brims are cunningly tied by expert workers, and the colorings of the long lauer feathers often are in three distinct shades, with two or more tones to each shade.

Flower Trimmed Hats.
Millinery for the spring will also include a number of flower-trimmed hats of fairly large sizes. The hats are to be in straw, and the flowers, on which workers are now busily engaged, include almost every variety. The hats are mostly of the plateau order, and the flowers on the advance models are arranged in wreath or cluster form.

In one large hat from Paris the brim of which drops all the way round, has an under bill of closely-knit lace applied, flatly to the straw, near the edge, and on the top there is an old-world wreath of mixed field flowers, with a single streamer of satin coming out from the back, where it falls to the waist.

A similar shape in fine chip has a wreath made up of posies of violets, each posy being centred with a tiny tea-rose. The floral wreath is placed over a draped crown of gauze.

On the Stage.
The newest hats are in gathered taffetas, rather large, turned back from the face with a very fly-away but becoming line when seen in profile. These have scarcity of trimming, and the hair is seen all round them. The toques are high and narrow, and new Spring models are made in fine, soft, straw with side trimming of a spray of lovely roses and leaves. Evening coiffures, I notice, are very simple, and the latest way of dressing the hair is certainly most becoming and apparently easy. Several actresses wear their simply parted on the left side, waved across the forehead, and rolled up the back, showing waves drawn back from the ears to the roll in the middle. The effect is comely, displaying the lines of the head in a way we have not seen for a long time.

The Cost of Straw.
Inquiries in the City reveal a considerable shortage in the available supply of certain qualities of straw plait for millinery purposes, says a writer in the "Drapers' Record." The three fashionable kinds at the moment for women's hats are chip, tagel, and Italian pedal, and for these plaita the whole world is keenly competing. The two first-named qualities come from Japan, and the prices of these have risen on the average about twenty per cent. The rates for Italian pedal straw are stated to have risen to an exorbitant level, owing to great demand and the small stocks on the market.

TO-DAY'S RECIPE.

Gateau Clemence.
Ingredients.—One and a half pints of milk, one and a half ounces of flour, three eggs, leaving out the whites of two, three ounces of castor sugar, the grated rind of one orange, one and a half ounces of butter, a little salt.

Method.—First line a round tin with a piece of short crust. Blend the flour and milk smoothly together, put them into a saucepan, and add the beaten eggs, the sugar, grated orange rind, salt, and the butter, which should first be slightly warmed. Stir the mixture over a mild heat until it begins to thicken, let it cool, and then pour it into the prepared tin, and bake in a moderate oven.

Whisk the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, and mix with them three ounces of powdered sugar. When the gateau is baked spread this meringue over the top, and return to the oven to set. Sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts before serving.

A Hint to Ladies.

Attention is directed to the Dairy Farm Company's advertisement on page 5. We are requested to state that the management will be pleased if customers and the ladies of Hongkong will call in and inspect personally the various specialities both cooked and uncooked offered for sale by the Butchery Department of this establishment in Hongkong and at Kowloon.

NOTICE.

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FLOWERS--AND STRIKES.

In one of Mark Rutherford's books—a master of style whom America appreciated long before his native country did—is told a striking story of how a man near to death's door regained his grip upon life. Friends, forlorn, the fire of his life gone out in ashes, he had no heart to struggle towards recovery; he had no interest in the world which surged around him. From this perilous state he was called by a butterfly which flew in at the open window of his bedroom. Its movements, its beauty arrested his attention, and he found himself growing interested. In the end he recovered, mainly because he wished to study the science of entomology.

That story is recalled to our minds by the fact that to-day the annual flower show is being held in Hongkong. Essentially a spectacular event, the real significance of such an exhibition lies deeper. It is more than a show designed on the one hand to interest a large body of visitors and, on the other, to discover the most successful growers of flowers and plants. It is a test of how deep and widespread is the active love for nature, expressed in one significant direction, in the community. A passion for flowers is the finest of all hobbies. No man can study, and hold communion with, nature without being the better for it. Whether business man or clerk, whether employer of labour or labourer employed, his contact with nature makes for better work because it leads to serenity of temper and removes that irritability over trifles which is all against healthy work. For nature is the great soother and comforter. Yet, again, no man can rear a prize bloom—no man can make the effort to rear one—without cultivating habits of study and patience and attention to detail that are bound to have their effect in the more serious walks in life. So it is that the more successful is a flower show in respect of number of exhibitors the more may be counted a sign of health in the life of a community.

It is a far cry from a flower show to a strike; yet we remember an employer of labour who told us that of the minority which fought against a suggested strike of the workers in his employ nearly all were dwellers in cottages owned by themselves and with carefully tended gardens attached. These men could best face the strain of a strike, but they opposed it. The others, who possessed little, forced it forward. They dwelt in long, ugly rows or great, frowning tenements. That brings us face to face with one of the root causes of the lamentable spirit of unrest which of late has manifested itself amongst workmen at Ipso. The growing cost of living does not wholly explain it, and the spread of education, as yet untrained and therefore dangerous, is only one cause. True it is that working-men are coming more and more to think—somewhat erratically as yet, of course—and to feel their power. But side by side with these causes has come the exodus from country to town. Men to-day are huddled together in cities and know nothing of the over temper and serene outlook upon life which their fathers won from communing with nature. The "back to the land" cry has a deeper significance than many of its adherents know.

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DAY BY DAY.

Life consists partly of folly and partly of wisdom. He is foolish who deems it is all one or the other.

To-day's Paper.

On page 3 appears Woman's World and an announcement in connection with the Photographic competition. The report of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is given on pages 5 and 8. Owing to pressure on our space Xaverian's notes on sport, among other items, is held over.

H. M. S. Monmouth arrived in port yesterday.

The French Mail of Jan. 30 was delivered in London on Feb. 20.

A fine of \$10 or fourteen days' was imposed on a woman, this morning, by Mr Irving, for stealing a quantity of rice.

Six dead bodies were found in the streets yesterday by the police and in five instances death was due to small-pox.

At the Magistracy, this morning, seven naked coolies were fined \$3 or seven days' each for refusing hire last Sunday. Mr. J. Wilkie who prosecuted the men said that they refused to convey himself and some friends to Pek-fatum.

Four men were charged at the Magistracy this morning with gambling at Yau-tai. The police stated that street gambling was becoming a great nuisance. The men pleaded not guilty, but Mr Irving fined three of them \$2 each with the alternative of five days' imprisonment. The other man was cautioned.

Costly Error.

The Postal Telegraph Cable Company has been ordered to pay a total of \$39,409.74 for transposing two figures in a message, the causes were mentioned in which Chas. E. Ett, was sued by M. D'Albas, J. C. Hamilton and R. V. Tirumali for \$254.50, \$556.07 and \$90 respectively.

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Mr. Hind:—I am willing to consent to judgment in the action, but my instructions are to have the writ of foreign attachment set aside. We do not require Messrs. Leigh and Orange in these proceedings at all.

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The matter was referred to Chambers for further consideration.

AN OPIUM HAUL.

Ship's Officer Fined.

An American named John Long, second officer of the s.s. Rubi, was charged at the Magistracy, this morning, with being in unlawful possession of 1600 taels of opium.

According to the evidence of the Customs officers who investigated the proceedings, the defendant last night, hailed a sampan close by Douglas Pier and the officer being in possession of certain information accused him before he had an opportunity to board it. They asked him to accompany them to Revenue Office where he was searched and the amount of opium stated was found in his possession.

Defendant told Mr. Melbourne that the opium was given him by a Portuguese.

A fine of \$500 or in the alternative three months' imprisonment was imposed.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Visit to Macao.

His Excellency the Governor went to Macao to-day to pay an official visit and bid farewell to the Governor of the Portuguese Society was opened to-day. The arrangement were exceedingly good and were admirably carried out by a committee consisting of Mr. J. Barton (president), Mr. W. L. Pattenden (hon. treasurer), Mr. F. Howell, Mr. A. H. Harris, Mr. R. Green, Mr. W. J. Tutcher, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. Looker, Mrs. Jordan and Mr. L. Gibbs (hon. Secretary).

HARBUR PIRACY.

A Sensational Report.

We have been informed that one of the N. Y. K. lighters lying at Wan-chai Bay, laden with cargo, was broken into last night by robbers and a quantity of goods stolen.

It is said that the value of the stolen property is over \$10,000 and that sixteen men on the lighter were bound and gagged.

The N.Y.K., however, can only confirm the statement that the lighter was broken into and cannot state the value of the goods at present as it is not properly known what is missing. They admit that the value of the stolen goods is high.

The police refuse to deny or to confirm the report.

SUMMARY COURT.

Foreign Attachment.

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Judge's Strictures.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, delivered a lengthy judgment this afternoon in the case, sent to him by H.E. the Governor for arbitration. In connection with the reclamation at Kowloon, several owners of plots on the sea shore, claimed compensation on the ground that their access had been cut off by the work. The government made them an award under an ordinance passed in connection with the work, and the matter was sent for arbitration.

The Chief Justice found in favour of the claimants and read out a list of his awards pertaining to each house.

The position was summed up by Mr. Potter who pointed out that the Government originally offered \$45,000, the claimants wanted \$101,000 and an arbitration had been awarded \$74,000.

Costs were given against the Government. His Lordship remarked that had they approached the other side, as he thought they should have done, there would not have been so much trouble.

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FLOWER SHOW.

Excellent Display and Keen Competition.

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30—3 pots of Geraniums.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Armstrong.

31—3 pots of Dahlias.—1, No.

32—3 pots of Verbena Prize.

Class No. 1.

33—3 pots of Mignonette.—1, Mrs. Scott Harston.

34—3 pots of Nasturtium.—1, Mr. Armstrong; 2, Mr. B. Layton.

35—3 pots of Freesia.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Bowley.

36—3 pots of Narcissus Tazetta.

—1, Mr. B. Layton; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

37—3 pots of Heliotrope.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. A. H. Harris.

38—3 pots of Ferns, distinct varieties.—1, Mr. Harris.

39—3 pots of Fan Palms (Livistonia chinensis).—1, Mr. Bowley; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

40—3 pots of Palms other than Fan Palms.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. Ede.

41—3 pots of French or African Marigolds.—1, Mr. Bowley; 2, Mrs. Scott Harston.

42—3 pots of Pot Marigolds (Calendula officinalis).—1, Mr. Bowley; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

43—3 pots of Marguerite.—1, Mrs. Tomes; 2, Mr. Wilkinson.

Plants in Pots—open to all who do not employ a gardener.

44—3 pots of Annuals or Plants raised from seed the same season.

—1, Mr. Hoggart.

45—3 pots of flowering plants other than annuals.—1, Mr. Hoggart; 2, Miss Wallace.

46—3 pots of Palms.—1, Miss Wallace; 2, Mr. Hoggart.

47—3 pots of Ferns.—1, Miss Wallace.

48—Collection of vegetables, (not less than 6 varieties). Those must be staged in a box not larger than 4 ft. by 1 ft. by 3 inches deep. 1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mr. Ho Tung.

49—4 heads of Celery, 1, Mr. Hoggart; 2, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

50—4 Cauliflowers or Broccoli, 1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Sir Paul Chater; 3, Mrs. Ho Tung.

51—4 Cabbages, 1, Mrs. Rodger; 2, Mr. Hoggart.

52—6 Lettuces, 1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

53—2 Vegetable Marrows, 1, L. Gibbs; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Annual General Meeting

There was only a sparse attendance at the City Hall yesterday afternoon when the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, C.M.C., presided over the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce. There were present the Hon. Mr. G. H. Ross (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.), Messrs. G. H. Medhurst (Doddwell & Co.); G. T. Edkins (Butterfield and Swire); E. Shollim (D. Sussoon & Co.); J. W. C. Bonar (Gibb, Livingston & Co.); F. H. Armstrong (Reiss & Co.); N. J. Stabb (Hongkong and Shanghai Bank); E. A. Williams, secretary; A. Forbes (Bradley & Co.); T. P. Hough (Hughes and Hough); W. Dickson (Chartered Bank); Hadley White (Connell Bros. & Co.); A. D. Buratto (Cruz Basto & Co.); W. A. Dowley (Vacuum Oil Co.); L. Borindongue (Banque de l'Indo-Chine); D. Macdonald (Macdonald & Co.); C. Bond (Gande, Price & Co.); K. M. Cumming (W. R. Loxley & Co.); W. A. Jupp (China, Borneo Co.); F. C. Macdonald (Mercantile Bank of India); Murray Stewart (Stewart Bros.); R. Fuhrmann (Reuter, Brockmann & Co.); D. Lewis (Johnson, Stokes and Master); J. W. Bellis (Standard Oil Co.); G. Hogg (International Bank); W. E. Clarke (Hongkong Canton, Macao Steamboat Co.); and Wong Leung-him (Yuen Hop).

The Chairman's Speech.

After expressing regret at the small attendance the Chairman said:—

The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission take them as read.

Before proposing their adoption, I will as usual make a few remarks on the more important matters which have received the attention of the committee during the past twelve months.

The first question in the report is concerned with signalling to vessels which have taken refuge behind Stonecutters Island or in Junk Bay. The matter was brought forward by a number of the commanders of local steamers, and thanks to the action of the government and the courtesy of H.E. the General Officer commanding and the general manager of the Standard Oil Co., arrangements have now been made to signal the latest storm warnings to the vessels.

Another question relating to the signalling which has engaged our attention was the advisability or otherwise of retaining the red signals. After considerable discussion it has, however, been decided to continue their use at all events until the promised and much looked for wireless station has been erected on the Pratas Island.

You will notice that the serious inconvenience and in some cases actual loss entailed on importers through the disastrous strikes of dock labour and others which occurred last year in Great Britain has been considered by the committee who, however, were of opinion that this was a matter which could better be dealt with by the importing firm communicating direct with his buyers rather than as suggested by a joint circular from all the importing houses.

A very important point has been raised, viz.: as to whether a mate's receipt could be considered a negotiable document. The committee, without pretending to be able to give an authoritative

decision on the subject, consider that under ordinary circumstances such a receipt is not necessarily a proof of ownership and could not be considered as a negotiable document, unless the holder could show he had secured the receipt in exchange for value received.

The opium question was very fully dealt with in our last report, and as you will have seen correspondence on the subject up to May of last year was published in that report. As stated in my last annual address, the committee considered it advisable not to lay the correspondence before the members until matters had been finally adjusted.

In June, however, as you will see on references to our present report, the matter was again brought forward, as the Canton authorities were proposing to adopt another system by which they hoped to increase their revenue at the expense of the trade and, as usual, in defiance of treaty obligation.

The disturbances which shortly broke out resulting in a change in the personnel of the provincial government has left the matter in abeyance.

The possibility of disinfecting vessels and lighters by a Clayton machine has again been raised by the Government, but, as you will notice, the committee adhere to the view expressed some years ago by their predecessors that the proposals put forward are impracticable.

The erection of a light on Kapping Island which has for so many years been demanded by those interested in the river traffic, we hope, shortly to be completed, the apparatus for the light having already arrived in the Colony.

With regard to the new Companies Ordinance, the committee have made suggestions to the Government with a view to the amendment of the ordinance on certain particulars, chief among which was that the books of Chinese joint stock Companies should be kept in English.

The difficulty of a full examination of books kept in Chinese was pointed out to the Government who, however, were disinclined to accept the suggestion.

The Committee then proposed that at least the statutory books and the cash book should be in the English, and it would then be possible in the case of a winding up to trace the receipts and expenditure on capital account and to work up a rough estimate of the trading.

The matter is still the subject of correspondence with the Government.

The necessity for a properly drawn up form of bond for use in arbitrations was referred to in my last annual address. This matter has now been dealt with, a form of bond having been drawn up by the Chamber's solicitors, which has been brought into use.

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YARN MARKET.

The following is Messrs. Polishwala and Kotwali's Yarn report dated March 1:—

Since the issue of our last report on the 16th ultimo, per S.S. Himalaya, our market has undergone a complete change, and it is the first time for some months that we have to record such a large volume of business.

The first signs of any inclination on the part of the dealers to operate on a large scale were manifested a few days after the New Year holidays, when news reached here of the destruction by fire of a large quantity of raw cotton in Bombay and America. Then came the rapid decline of exchange, which, of course, made importers display some firmness.

With these two factors making for higher prices, and a sudden demand from two or three country districts' reaching the dealers, a determined rush was made to secure all that was available on the market. Importers were not slow in taking advantage of such conditions, with the consequent result that prices were advanced by leaps and bounds, and we have to record an aggregate business of 20,000 bales including a large lot in forward sales and a rise of \$3 to 6 per bale established.

It may be stated that the local dealers themselves were taken completely by surprise at the receipt of orders from the country, which were entirely unexpected by them.

The bulk of the above business has been, of course, in No. 10, and some of it speculative, while it must also be noted that many of the contracts were effected before the full advance was established.

Total S. les 20,000 bales.

Unsold Stocks 11,000 bales.

Sold but un-delivered in the Godown and to arrive 30,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The Mail Str. India and extra Str. Austria and Vorwaerts from Bombay, & Str. Kunnsang from Calcutta have brought in 4,622 bales for Hongkong and 9,088 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to coast ports &c. amount to about 500 bales.

Local Mill.—750 Bales of No. 10, 16s & 20s were sold at \$130 \$135 & \$140 respectively.

Shanghai.—Latest advice indicate a better feeling in this market.

Japanese Yarn.—In sympathy with the general advance in price this yarn has advanced \$8 and some 900 Bales No. 20 were booked at \$140 to 155.

Raw Cotton Bengal.—No Stock Chinese 150 small bales sold (a) \$33 per picul. Stock 500 bales. Quotation Bengal (a) \$28 to 31 Chinese (a) \$30 to \$31.

CANTON NEWS.

THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.

Canton, Feb. 29.

People living in the northern suburbs of Canton were disturbed by the sound of gun firing on Feb. 27, which lasted well into the morning. It appears that during the night a large explosion took place, many houses being burnt down during the disturbance. The people of the district are in a state of panic and those that are able are fleeing into the city. Troops have been sent to the spot to maintain order. Another fight of a more serious nature is reported from the Puna U district between the villagers of Mow-kiang and Wangsha, rising out of a dispute in a gambling den. Fighting still continues and over 100 people have been killed or wounded.

The Chinese residents in Hongkong have petitioned the Governor-General of Canton asking him to prevail upon Field Marshal Lung Chai-kwong to remain in Canton, rather than proceed to Nanking, as his presence in the former city is urgently needed to keep down local rascals.

A meeting of the Provisional Council was held on Tuesday to consider a petition forwarded by the residents in Yuet Shau-fong and Ma Cho-po. It appears that some hundreds of them have been rendered homeless through the demolition of the city wall and the destruction of houses in the neighbourhood. Before the work was commenced, the authorities responsible notified the petitioners that the work would only be confined, at first, to the uninhabited districts where the wall existed, but owing to a sudden change of plans a large number of buildings have been demolished and their inhabitants made homeless. The council decided that the petitioners have a real grievance and are to approach the

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SUBSCRIPTIONS may be sent to the HON. TREASURER.

Mrs. N. J. STABB,
St. John's 112.

Hongkong, 28th Feb. 1912.

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HONGKONG GYMKBANA CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club will be held on MONDAY, the 11th Inst., at 6.15 p.m., at the Office of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Hongkong, 1st, M.R.O., 1912.

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Singapore Share Report.

In their share circular, dated Feb. 21, Messrs. Fraser & Co. state:—

Apart from a moderate demand for a few of the lower priced rubbers, our market, owing to the Chinese New Year holidays, has been particularly quiet and calls for no comment.

Rubber.—Malakoffs have been placed at \$2.05, Singapore Uniteds 1/0, Panta's \$1.10, Trafalgar's 85 cents, Balgovinies \$8, Haytors \$0.50, Alor Gajahs \$1.05, Sandycrofts \$1.5, Pajams \$10, Bukit Sembawangs 1/0 in Ulu Pandans 50 cents, at which quotations more are wanted. Meelumas after changing hands at 4/- and Indragiris at \$6 close quiet. Ayer Panas after business at \$5 close strong at \$5.15 buyers.

Mining.—Tronches rose sharply to £3.16.3, and finish with buyers only offering £3.9.0. Takkis are strong at £3.7.0, and Pusing Bahru's 1/0.

General.—This section has been extremely quiet and remains unaltered with the exception of an easier feeling in steamships which are offered at \$257.50.

London Stock Exchange.

Messrs. Zorn and Leigh-Hunt's weekly Stock Exchange Report, dated January 27, contains the following:—

The end of a nineteen-day account is always welcome to the Stock Exchange. Many people tell us that we should get on with our business much better if we had a settlement once a month instead of twice, as the Consol market does. But one of the arguments which disproves this is that a nineteen-day account as a rule is too long for the tempo of the bull; so what an account comprising thirty or thirty-one days would be, we must leave you to imagine.

Appetite for speculation has been whetted by the rocketing rises in Bus stock, West India and Panama Telegraphs, Marconi, Underground Electric, Income bonds, and a few other issues. We find that people all the way round are eagerly asking what they shall buy for a quick and a big rise. On the other hand, those who hold speculative shares are not inclined—at least so we find it—to take good profits. Their goose is to turn out a swan, and anticipation runs riot in many markets.

In this revival of what one must call the speculative fever it is remarkable indeed that the mining markets should have practically no place at present. Kaffirs are dead, and Rhodesians are descending. The West African market, after its little spurt in tin shares, has fallen back upon the dullest of days. The Birrier group ought to be favourably affected by the rise in base metals, but, in point of fact, it isn't. There is certainly a fair amount of trade in Mexican mining shares, though these appeal to a somewhat select circle. It is something to the good, however, for Esperanza to have signalled activity by a sharp advance, and now the public are beginning to buy El Oros as a possible follower of the Esperanza excitement.

Consols have shown some firmness of late. Most directly responsible for this has been the appearance of the Government broker in the market, while his purchases have had the greater effect because there are certain expectations which caused the seller to be content to stay his hand for little time. The near approach of the granting of facilities to transfer Consols by deed is thought to tend towards the popularisation of the security; then there will be, some day, the necessity to invest the capital sums with which the Insurance Act will be financed. Talk canvasses the prospect of a General Election within the next six months, and this, in some quarters, is considered a dull point.

Altogether the market may be said to have been more sprightly, but in spite of this, it appears unlikely that anything more than quite a small rise could be maintained.

To day's
Advertisements

NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized Mr. FRANCIS BENINGTON to sign our Bills of Exchange.

BRADLEY & CO.,
Hongkong & China.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1912. [206]

BIJOU SCENIC THEATRE.

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R. A. STEPHENSON.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1912. [207]

COMMERCIAL UNION AS-

SURANCE CO. LTD.

M. R. EDWIN LESTER GIL-

BERT ARNO D has been ap-

pointed Acting Local Manager of the

above Company in Hongkong from this date until further order.

By Order,

P. TESTER,

Local Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1912. [208]

Public Companies

THE CHINA FIRE INSUR-

ANCE CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's

Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THE 11th DAY, the 7th March, 1912, at 2 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1911.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd February to 7th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

H. F. HICKMAN,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th Feb., 1912. [107]

THE HONGKONG LAND IN-
VESTMENT AND AGENCY
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "NIPON MARU."

FROM SAN FRANCISCO,
HONOLULU AND
JAPAN PORTS.

The above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for inter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from along-side.

Carry remaining undelivered on THURSDAY, the 28th Feb., at 6 p.m., will be loaded at Consignee's risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on MONDAY, 4th March, afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All clashed and otherwise damaged cargo to be left on board or Godown and examination of same to be arranged.

All claims must be filed on or before 11th March, otherwise they will not be recognised.

K. MATSADA,
Agent.

Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1912. [198]

HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

ST. GEORGE'S BUILDINGS.

NOTICE.

THE extension of the ELECTRIC
LIGHT to the Peak District is
expected to be completed by about the
end of March, 1912.

Intending consumers are advised to
have their houses wired in readiness, to
avoid delay in obtaining the light.

The Company are prepared to submit
estimates for wiring houses on
application.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th Dec., 1911. [101]

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT Firms Divide a
Area of 80,000 square miles.

TWO and a half million people

face starvation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRI-

BUTION TO-DAY.

IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.

Treasurer, H. C. GULLAND, Esq.

Manager, International Building Co.

poration, Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th Jan., 1912. [111]

Consignees

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO
AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAGA MARU,"

having arrived from the above port,

Consignees of cargo are hereby informed

that their Goods are being landed

and placed at their risk in the Hong-

Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company's Godowns at Kowloon,

where each consignment will be sorted

out mark by mark and delivery can be

obtained as soon as the Goods are

loaded.

Optional goods will be carried on

unless instructions are given to the con-

signment before.

Goods not cleared by the 6th March,

will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the

Godown for examination by the Con-

signee's and the Co.'s representatives

at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date

they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have

left the Godown.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1912. [15]

"SHIRE" LINE OF
STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE Company's

"DEN OF GLAMIS,"

having arrived from the above port,

Consignees of cargo are hereby informed

that their Goods are being landed

and placed at their risk in the Hong-

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1912. [194]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Continued from page 5.)

The membership of the Chamber shows a considerable number of changes, the total, however, being 145 as against 143 last year.

I have now dealt with all the more important questions set forth in our report. There are a few in our matters which I should like to touch on.

You will no doubt remember something appeared in the local press recently as to the necessity for dredging in the harbour.

In the opinion of the Committee there is at the moment no such necessity particularly bearing in mind the heavy cost which even partial dredging would involve.

With the opening of the Panama Canal we will no doubt see very great changes in the shipping trade to the East, but it does not follow that the draught of vessels calling at Hongkong will be very materially increased.

The matter will require watching, and should it be seen that vessels are deferred from calling at Hongkong through want of sufficient depth of water in the anchorage a new survey will have to be made and a comprehensive scheme for dredging drawn up. This I need hardly add would be a most costly enterprise, but if found necessary will have to be undertaken rather than Hongkong should risk a loss of that trade by which alone she can exist.

Although nothing appears in our report on the important subject of the erection of a wireless station it must not be supposed the question has been neglected.

We understand that while the Naval Authorities contemplate erecting their own station, steps are also being taken to set up a lower power station for commercial purposes.

This may not be quite so powerful as the station asked for, but it is possible it will prove sufficient for our needs. The matter is now under consideration, and at the moment I am unable to say anything further, but the Government will be asked to give publicity to the proposed scheme at the earliest possible date.

You will recollect that last year reference was made to the publication of a business directory, Hongkong, the material has now been selected, and we understand has been passed on to the Board of Trade by the Hongkong Government.

The committee of the Chamber has recently been approached by the special commissioner of "The Financial News," who is now in the Far East, as to the publication of a special section dealing with the financial, commercial and industrial development of Hongkong. This well known paper has already issued similar editions dealing with India, Australia, Canada and other places and as the committee believe the publication of the proposed edition cannot but prove of great benefit to the Colony they would ask the members to be good enough to consider the proposals of Mr. Maitland, the special commissioner, should that gentleman call on them.

Since our last meeting very great and startling changes have taken place in the Empire of China, resulting in a new form of government, and we trust what will shortly prove to be a more enlightened progressive and civilized form of government, than the old order which has so suddenly been swept away.

It is so recently when most of all of us were listening to an able address from our friend the Vice Chairman dealing with the present situation in China and giving so far as it was possible some forecast of what these changes may bring forth that I feel it would be a work of supererogation, even if I could find it possible to attempt any such for east or to add to what he has already said.

We are I think all agreed that we have as yet hardly done more than scratch the trade of China, with a reformed and enlightened Government, able to control and fittingly direct

the forces under them, we should see an enormous increase in the foreign trade of the Empire which would so greatly benefit all concerned and more particularly the industrious, sober minded people of that great country.

We can only trust that the work of settling the country and of bringing in a reformed government will be promptly and efficiently carried out and that under the new regime we will no longer have to complain of the constant breaches of treaty and acts of bad faith towards the Treaty Powers of which the Chinese Government have for so many years been guilty.

Continuing Mr. Hewett said:

Although many changes have

taken place, and are taking place,

I am afraid my address to you

has been rather fragmentary. I

have only another word to say.

Several changes have taken place

on our committee during the past

year. Amongst others, we have

lost the services of our well

known vice-chairman, the Hon.

Mr. Keswick, of a very old firm

in the colony and I am sure we all

deeply regret his permanent de-

parture from the Far East and

wish he were with us. However,

he is doing good, if not better

work at home. The only other

change which is contemplated in

the future is the departure of our

present vice-chairman. He has

been a member of our committee

for several years, and as we

know, has taken a very prominent

part in the business life of

the colony. I am sure you will

all sincerely regret, as I do, his

departure from the Far East.

With these words I beg to pro-

pose the passing of the report

and accounts.

Mr. Dickson seconded, and said:

Gentlemen, I rise with much pleasure to second the adoption of the report and accounts just submitted by our chairman. In doing so I am

thankful to say it does not de-

value upon me to pass in review

order the many and varied

thomas dealt with by the Com-

mittee during the year: that our

interests are in reliable and cap-

able hands is obvious and any

enlargement upon the very

interesting speech we have

just listened to would be

manifestly out of place. I

need hardly remind you of the

trying and critical times our an-

cient neighbour has passed through

in the last few months. There

are still many rapid to be

negotiated and matters of vital

importance to this Colony are

bound to arise but as our Chair-

man has remarked we look hope-

fully to the future. One thing

is obvious, that our Committee

has the interests of the Chamber

and through it the Colony at

heart; that a watchful eye is being

maintained and that our interests

may with perfect confidence be

entrusted to its vigilance.

Before sitting down I would

venture to remind you that the

position of Chinaman is no

sincere and that we are fortunate

in the possession of one who is

able and willing to place his ser-

vices and wide experience so freely

at our disposal and I am quite sure

it is the wish of every member

that our deep sense of obligation

to the Chairman, Committee and

Secretary should be placed on

record.

Gentlemen, I have much plea-

sure in seconding the adoption of

the report and accounts as pre-

sented.

The proposition was carried

unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. T. E.

Hough, seconded by Mr. Bolles,

the following committee were

re-elected:

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hoyatt, C.M.G.

Mr. G. H. Medhurst, Mr. F. H.

Armstrong, Mr. J. W. C. Bonar,

Mr. G. T. Elkington, Mr. G. Fries-

land, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Mr.

H. A. Siebs, Mr. D. Sholom and

Mr. N. J. Stabb.

The chairman proposed, and

the vice chairman seconded the

election of the following firms

as members:—Messrs. Arcelli

Bros., Messrs. Carr Bediker and

Co., Messrs. Garner Quelch and

Co., The Nestle' Ang's Swiss

Milk Co., London, Messrs. Moxon

and Taylor, and Messrs. Thomas

Cook and Son.

That concluded the business

of the meeting, the chairman

thinking those present on behalf

of the committee for the honour

done them, in re-electing them,

for the ensuing year.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupéh, Szechuan, Hunan, Kueichow and Tengyueh.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

From London, Due to Shanghai, February 10th, February 27th, February 14th.

MAILS DUE.

Canadian, Montevile, 2nd inst. German, Prinz Sigismund, 4th inst. German, Prinzess Alice, 7th inst. American, Persia, 12th inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

From Australia, Manila, Cebu, Illois, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Nikko Maru, 15th Mar., 11 A.M.

VESSELS IN PORT.

From English Mail, Catherine Apoor, Br. s.s., 1,730, J. C. Townsend, 27th Feb.—Singapore 22nd Feb., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

From English Mail, Don of Glama, Br. s.s., 3,818, A. Low, 28th Feb.—London 19th Jan., and Singapore 23rd Feb., Gen.—J. M. Co.

From English Mail, Foo Shing, Br. s.s., 1,423, W. D. Welsh, 21st Feb.—Wei-hong 16th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

From English Mail, Glenfalloch, Br. s.s., 1,431, V. Van Egdom, 20th Feb.—Singapore 22nd Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

From English Mail, Huiyang, Br. s.s., 1,362, J. W. Evans, 1st Mar.—Swatow 29th Feb., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

From English Mail, Kwei-ling, Br. s.s., 1,350, J. B. Harris, 1st Mar.—Shanghai 25th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

From English Mail, Soang Choon, Br. s.s., 3,000, Larkins, 1st Mar.—Singapore 14th Feb., Gen.—Soang Linie.

From English Mail, Kuk-kuang, Br. s.s., 1,228, Robertson, 1st Mar.—Canton 20th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

From English Mail, Kwei-ling, Br. s.s., 1,296, C. W. Inkett, 28th Feb.—Wakamatsu 22nd Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

From English Mail, Lantes, Br. s.s., 1,854, Chia, E. Page, 2nd Feb.—Sagam 19th Feb., Gen.—Wo-Fu Sing.

From English Mail, Loeng Fong, Br. s.s., 1,008, Looek, 27th Feb.—Manila 24th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

From English Mail, Mexico, Br. s.s., 3,750, N. Kohayashi, 20th Feb.—Takao 16th Feb., Gen.—O. S. K.

From English Mail, Mongolia, Am. s.s., 8,750, Henry E. Morton, 26th Feb.—San Francisco 23rd Jan., Gen.—P. M. Co.

From English Mail, Nanking, Br. s.s., 1,021, N. C. Reiter, 28th Feb.—Bangkok 14th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

From English Mail, Nanking, Br. s.s., 1,015, F. Brooking, 25th Feb.—Rangoon 20th Jan., Gen.—O. S. K.

From English Mail, Nanking, Br. s.s., 1,915, J. S. Steer, 25th Feb.—Manila 22nd Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

From English Mail, Nanking, Br. s.s., 1,734, M. Picknell, 24th Feb.—Sorayana 14th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.